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Editorials

Those Wonderful Words

Many billions of words were uttered during the past year. Most of them, fortunately, will go to the ashcan of history.

But here are a few which should be heard at least once more:

British Prime Minister Wilson speaking about the obsession of politicians with "image": "I am one of those old-fashioned people who believe that the last word on the question of image is that which every man learns each morning in front of the shaving mirror."

Britain's Selwyn Lloyd on high public officials: "I have never believed in the infallibility of governments. I think if a Minister is right oftener than he is wrong it is a considerable achievement."

Richard Nixon: "Of course, we can't all be Winston Churchills. We all can't be President. I found that out."

Vice President Humphrey: "I try harder. I have to. I am only No. 2."

CIA Chief Admiral Francis Raborn: "I am not the kind of man who, when he puts his pants on in the morning, thinks the whole world is dressed."

French author Jan-Francois Revel: "General De Gaulle is right in saying he incarnates France, but he is probably wrong to congratulate himself on that fact."

The wife of an Anglican parson in England: "Clergy ought to be celibate because no decent, right-minded man

ought to have the effrontery to ask any woman to take such a lousy job. It is thoroughly un-Christian."

Vice President Humphrey on anti Vietnam war demonstrators: "The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously."

Dr. Grayson Kirk, president of Columbia University, on a related subject: "The right to interfere with the rights of others is no part of academic freedom."

French Foreign Minister Couve de Murville on developing lands: "The weak who know how to play on their weakness, are strong. This is the secret of women and of the developing lands."

Actor Peter Ustinov: "For a long time now NATO has been called six nations in search of an enemy."

Author James Baldwin: "It is a great shock at the age of five or six to find that in a world of Gary Coopers you are an Indian."

John Cohen, a British professor: "The man who first abused his fellows with swear words instead of bashing their brains out with a club should be counted among those who laid the foundations of civilization."

And finally J. B. Priestly commenting on the "God Is Dead" theologians: "God can stand being told by Professor Ayer and Marghanita Laski that He doesn't exist."